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Mr. Chair, as I've said, I have some respect for you, but I have more respect for your staff, so don't take personally the vote that I'm casting.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Colleagues, Senator Landis, you know Senator Moore is right. This is a foul. This reminds me of the old Missouri-Colorado game in which Colorado was allowed five downs, game was over, Colorado pushed in for the touchdown, they won, they became national champs, but they cheated to do it. I have a guess that if that majority opinion had been adopted that you wouldn't be raising these particular issues, is that right? And maybe in your time you can talk about that. You know, these 95 votes that we're talking about they're interesting, because I've studied it just as well as most everybody else in the body. And I didn't want to talk about it, I guess, during the preliminary debate. I think both individuals would make fine state senators. But I felt it was something that each one of the members had to make their own decision on. And that's the way it's going to come down in this particular instance. And what we were deciding upon were issues that Mr. Korslund chose to raise in the court of law, and the issues that were raised before the Executive Board, the questions of the absentee ballots. At that time he didn't choose to raise these 95 votes as an issue that he felt were relevant. And, if we are acting as judges in this particular instance, then we should look at the evidence that was presented by both sides. And this is drawing in something completely out of the realm that we were asked to look at. If he would have wanted it raised, he would have raised it himself. I feel that I'm going to have to support the Chair in this particular instance. If the votes aren't there to seat Senator Byars, fine, let's take a look at it. But you have to look at the primary reason why we're here today. We're not here really deciding whether that particular election process ran properly, we're deciding whether we're going to have a 49th member in this body. We're deciding whether we're going to seat a 49th member in this body, and that is really the issue here we're looking at. Either we seat Mr. Korslund or we seat Senator Byars, one or the other. But we can't be held in limbo. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Abboud. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the